

The Senate minority leader.

SENATOR BILL BRADLEY

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, our friend and colleague BILL BRADLEY has said that he has always preferred moving to standing still. When the 104th Congress adjourns around a year from now, the senior Senator from New Jersey will move on to new challenges in his life and career, and we will feel the loss of one of the most principled and thoughtful Members of this body. While Senator BRADLEY has expressed a deep sense of disappointment in the country's current political climate, I know that he will be able to look back on his career in the Senate with a lasting sense of pride in his accomplishments on behalf of the people of New Jersey, and of the Nation.

BILL BRADLEY's work in the Senate has been remarkable for the breadth of its legislative range, and for the depth of its intellectual foundation. Whether addressing the intricacies of tax policy or the broad impact of international trade proposals, his grasp of the subject matter before him is unrivaled. Ask any Senator who has stumbled unprepared into a debate with him. BILL BRADLEY has been a legislative force to be reckoned with, as he will continue to be until his last vote is cast in this Chamber.

Senator BRADLEY is often recognized for his mastery of technically intimidating issues. But I will always remember him more for the passion he can bring to a debate than for his oft-cited professorial prowess. In the last decade, some of the most socially important and emotionally powerful statements on the subject of racial strife in America have been delivered from the heart and soul of Senator BRADLEY.

When Senator BRADLEY takes the floor to speak, or offers a legislative solution to a national problem, he comes armed with formidable arguments and effective insights. When BILL BRADLEY takes up an issue or takes on a cause, he will likely succeed in what he's set out to achieve. This is the result of a rare combination of the competitiveness with which he was clearly born, and the credibility he has earned through a life in public service.

If you are a working-class American, then BILL BRADLEY has served you well. If you are poor or disadvantaged, BILL BRADLEY has made your concerns his cause. Through the din of violence and divisiveness in our society, BILL BRADLEY has been a voice of healing. In the face of monied special interests, BILL BRADLEY has been a fighter for fairness and economic justice. BILL BRADLEY has been a credit to the Senate, to the Nation, and to public service. He has been a powerful advocate for the values that so many of us share, and I look forward to working with him on the vital matters we will face together in the months remaining in his term.

CLAIBORNE PELL: A TRUE PUBLIC SERVANT

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, in his commencement address at Syracuse University in 1957, Senator John F. Kennedy called American politics one of this country's "most neglected, most abused, and most ignored professions."

"As one who is familiar with the political world," Senator Kennedy told the graduates: "We stand in serious need of the fruits of your education. Bear in mind, as you leave this university and consider the road ahead, not the sneers of the cynics or the fears of the purists." Instead, he urged us to bear in mind that politics has been a home as well as a noble career to America's best and brightest.

In the early days of our Republic, there were George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, John Adams, John Quincy Adams, and George Mason, to name but a few.

John Kennedy had a way of making you feel good about yourself as well as your country, and he inspired many of us to look for ways to serve our country to preserve its strengths and address its weaknesses. This is one of the reasons so many of us look back on the Kennedy administration with fondness and respect, and with a knowledge that we, as individuals, and we, as a country, are forever indebted to President Kennedy for nurturing that spirit.

We are also indebted to another man who has dedicated his life to that spirit: Senator CLAIBORNE PELL.

Through the years it has been my privilege to work with the senior Senator from Rhode Island. I have only known him to stress the positive, never the negative. He has always looked for the best in us, instead of dwelling upon our faults. Never once have I heard him berate an opponent, or disparage this institution.

He has sought to bring us together instead of divide us. To make the system work better, instead of despairing it.

To Senator PELL, as it was with President KENNEDY, politics is an honorable profession, an enriching experience and meaningful service. The political arena is where ordinary people can accomplish great things. Claiborne PELL understood that.

In announcing his intention to leave the Senate, this gentle and good man remarked:

I continue to believe that government, and the Federal Government in particular, can and should make a positive impact on the lives of most Americans.

Through his efforts, the Federal Government has made a positive impact.

In his 34 years in the Senate, Senator PELL used the system, with all of its faults and limitations, to make our country a better place to live, a better place to work, and a better place to raise a family. He has taken a leading role in passage of much of the land-

mark education legislation of the past three decades, including reducing financial barriers to higher education, with the educational grants that bear his name. He has taken a leading role in the creation of the Nation's most important educational and cultural institutions, including the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

He has also sought to make not only the country, but also the world, a better place in which to live and work. As a U.S. Senator and chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, he has worked tirelessly to promote international cooperation through his work on behalf of arms control agreements and international environmental treaties. As Senator MOYNIHAN pointed out yesterday, Senator PELL has "brought to the Senate floor two of the most important treaties for the control of nuclear weapons in our Nation's history."

Just this year, he proudly represented the Senate at the 50th anniversary of the United Nations. This was fitting, as Senator PELL was at the United Nation's opening ceremonies 50 years ago, and he has been instrumental in the effort to further the noble goals that inspired the United Nation's creation in the first place.

Mr. President, this is statesmanship at its finest. It is the quest of peace—for international cooperation for the benefit of the United States and the benefit of humankind.

Although Claiborne PELL is leaving the Senate, he has pledged to continue "to fight for the values and programs" that he considers vital.

How pleased I was to hear that promise. We will continue to need his spirit, his energy, and his dedication to making the good fight. Therefore, instead of saying goodbye, I will simply thank him for the years he gave to the people of Rhode Island and to the people of this great country.

I urge all of my colleagues in the Senate and in the House, and those in other great political arenas, to be a bit more like Senator PELL, to look for the high roads, not the lowest ones. We should summon America's best to step up onto the political stage, not scare them away from it. That is something Claiborne PELL has done remarkably well for 34 years.

I yield the floor.

RECESS UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 9:30 a.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:43 p.m., recessed until Thursday, September 7, 1995, at 9:30 a.m.